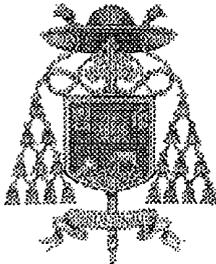


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Your Eminence/Your Grace/My Lord/Dear Fathers  
Administrator,

The review of the Clinical, Financial and Governance models of Encompass commissioned by the ACBC and CRA is now complete. Professor Gary Embleton and Mr Gerry Gleeson have presented their reports which expressed high praise for the standard of the work completed under the leadership of Dr Tony Robinson and Dr Gerardine Taylor. Although more than 200 clients have been assisted since April 1997 there is now a decline in the number of referrals in recent years to such an extent that it is no longer practicable to maintain the treatment programs in their present form. St John of God Health are unable to take over Encompass as it stands.

In the light of the grave financial situation, the reports recommended that Encompass cease operating from 30 June 2008, and that redundancies be paid (at some further expense to ACBC, CRA and with a contribution from St John of God Health). Professor Embleton and Mr Gleeson have proposed a National Review Centre, perhaps associated with the Professional Standards Office in Sydney, which would refer to private practitioners.

Before going overseas, because of the financial implications, Archbishop Wilson asked me to monitor developments on his behalf.

On 23rd May, Professor Embleton and Mr Gleeson presented

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their reports to the Board of Encompass which determined that Encompass will cease operation on 30 June 2008. Brother Julian McDonald informed the staff immediately. It was only on Tuesday 3rd June that I was visited by Fr Mark Raper SJ president of CRA with a copy of the reports. I observed that the Bishops and CRA as the owners have been deprived of the ability make decision.

I met again with Father Raper and Laurie Rolls of CCI on 12th June. Drs Robinson and Taylor will provide a report on what they see as the needed programmes; Dr Taylor will provide interim support for past clients who need it; enquiries will be made as to a suitable person to act as the Director (and a possible interim person is being contacted) to work under the National Committee for Professional standards. All agree that this position is necessary to provide care and keep faith with our people. Additional expenditure for ACBC and CRA is foreseen.

Archbishop Wilson and Fr Raper SJ may decide a more public announcement later in June when the Archbishop returns.

In the meantime you could reply to any correspondence suggesting that because of the work done in the last 11 years there is now decline in numbers of clients such that the centre cannot support its staff. We remain committed to finding new ways of delivering this important service. The change is because of fewer clients, not because of withdrawal of funds.

I trust this information will be helpful to you. Yours sincerely  
in Christ

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